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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	09/350,516	SIMPSON ET AL.	
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**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 10 February 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,3-9,11-17,19 and 20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,3-9,11-17,19 and 20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.  
If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120**

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).  
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:  
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.  
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.  
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).  
\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).  
a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)                             | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____  |
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## DETAILED ACTION

### *Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112*

1. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

2. Claims 1, 3-9, 11-17, 19-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

For claim 1, the limitation of “portion of the document” in steps of (b), (c), (e) and (g); for claim 9, the limitation of “portion of the document” in steps of (d), double of (e), (g), and (i); and for claim 17, the limitation of “portion of the document” in steps of (b), (c), (d) and (f) which renders the claim indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter because the limitation of “portion” in the document is not clear to identify particular thing of the document.

### *Allowable Subject Matter*

3. Claims 1, 3-9, 11-17 and 19-20 would be allowable if independent claims 1, 9, and 17 rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, set forth in this Office action.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

**As to claim 1**, the present invention discloses a system comprises a server, a print job agent and the output device representing a user computer in which one portion of the document

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provided from a server is printed at the output device via the print job agent. The closest prior art, Savitzky (US Patent No. 6,012,083) teaches the similar system which provides the requested document from a server to the user computer via the agency. Cavill (US Patent No. 6,003,069) teaches the requested document is printing at the user computer via the server. However, the combination of Savitzky and Cavill (US Patent No. 6,003,069), and including an electronic text search, would not teach the steps of "copying the original receipt for the document to the print job agent and updating the copy of the receipt to indicate the at least one portion of the document was printed. The above distinct features render the application allowable.

As to **claims 9 and 17**, which are apparatus claims, render the application allowable based on the same reasons in claim 1.

#### ***Response to Amendment and Argument***

4. The examiner has reviewed the amendment and remarks filed by applicant on 2/10/03. Consequently, the rejections made in the prior Office action are withdrawn. However, upon further consideration, the examiner has determined that independent claims 1, 9 and 17 are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection under 112, 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph. This action is made **non-final**.

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A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Tranlong", written in black ink.